

Subject: GM's Message plus DWP Reform, Civic U 2.0 Finale and Engaging Youth in Elections

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GM's Message 02.26.16

I hope our newsletter finds you well.



We had an excellent time at the Hyperion Treatment Plant last Saturday learning about all the work that LA Sanitation does and how Neighborhood Councils can partner with them. LA Sanitation Director Enrique Zaldivar and Board of Public Works Commissioner Heather Repenning were there to welcome the

Neighborhood Council Public Works Liaisons. Check out the article below for more information on how to get your Neighborhood Council involved. Thank you to Enrique and his terrific team for their hospitality!

I was so proud of our Neighborhood Council Civic University 2.0 graduates on Tuesday when they presented their amazing project pitches to Mayor Eric Garcetti's Chief of Staff, Ana Guerrero, CAO Miguel Santana, and Cal State LA President William Covino. Mayor Garcetti stopped by to congratulate everyone on their fine work. You can see the 5 presentations as well as Mayor Garcetti's talk in the article below. We're so looking forward to our next partnership with Cal State Los Angeles and Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs Executive Director Raphael Sonenshein. It was an awesome collaboration with Mayor Garcetti's Office that was enjoyed by all who attended. I especially enjoyed our youth group, and their ideas for getting young persons engaged in civics. This is already in line with our partnership with the Mayor's Innovation Team where we've launched [election outreach targeted at youth](#). More info on this targeted outreach below!



Wednesday night, I had the pleasure of sharing the impact of our Neighborhood Council system at the Swiss and Austrian Consulate Generals' residence to an international crowd. Along with Deputy Mayor of Vienna, Austria, Maria Vassilakou, and Chair of Election and Democracy Commission for Falun,

Sweden, Bruno Kaufmann, we presented our various models of civic engagement. Moderated by Joe Mathews, the California & Innovation Editor from [Zocalo Public Square](#), it was a great knowing that our system is getting more recognition worldwide. Many thanks to Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council President Owen Smith and Tarzana Neighborhood Council President and Board of Neighborhood Commissioners President Leonard Shaffer for attending as well to share their Neighborhood Council

experiences!

Finally, there are big discussions on the proposed LADWP Reform [CF-16-0093](#) and both Mayor Garcetti and City Council President Herb Wesson are inviting [Neighborhood Councils and their alliances](#) to agendize and discuss the issues in their March and April meetings. Make sure your Neighborhood Council files Community Impact Statements on your decisions!

Have an excellent weekend!

Best,
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Mayor's Message

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NC Involvement in DWP Reform Civic U 2.0 Finale

On February 19th, Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson rallied Neighborhood Council leaders to discuss and take action on DWP Reform...

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